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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2164**

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05905.0156

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Tadashi NOGUCHI	)	Group Art Unit: 2164
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Application No.: 10/040,369	)	Examiner: BETIT, Jacob F.
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Filed: January 9, 2002	)	Confirmation No.: 2856
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 30, 2004, with a period for response extending through March 30, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.